CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: IMG_0497.mp4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1600211.012

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 19 May 2016

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 May 2016

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	IMG_0497.mp4	0:19
Total running time:		0:19

Summary of reasons for decision:

The moving image file is deemed objectionable because it depicts a man engaging a girl in sexual activity. The girl presents as an older child or young teenager. The publication is a record of abuse. It legitimises and perpetuates the idea that children and young persons are ready and willing sexual partners and are appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention. Therefore it promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.

This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young from sexual exploitation.